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Why on earth would you believe that this time they're going to abide by the agreement they've signed when they didn't abide by the last one? This settlement agreement, even if they abide by it, leaves much of the enforcement to Microsoft, as in section III(J)(2):

"...(c) meets reasonable, objective standards established by Microsoft for certifying the authenticity and viability of its business, ..."

Which means that if Microsoft doesn't consider a particular software company a 'authentic' or 'viable' business, they have the power to withhold the information that business needs to make their software work with Microsoft's operating system, effectively crushing them.

Please reconsider this settlement and make sure it has some teeth.

Thank you for your time.	
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